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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1926

TOWN CLERK

EFFIE T. SWINDELL	Terms expires 1927

SELECTMEN

JOHN P. DAY	Term expires 1928
EARLE C. PARKER	Term expires 1929
CHARLES B. DANIELS	Term expires 1927

ASSESSORS

WALTER A. WOODIS	Term expires 1928
JOHN MORAN	Term expires 1927
CHARLES B. DANIELS	Term expires 1929

OVERSEERS OF POOR

WILLIAM H. PARKMAN	Term expires 1927
MORTON F. LINCOLN	Term expires 1929
SARA E. BUTLER	Term expires 1928

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

SYLVESTER R. DEAN	Term expires 1927
MINNIE M. DAY	Term expires 1929
FRANK SULLIVAN	Term expires 1928

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

SARA E. BUTLER	Term expires 1929
FLORENCE E. BOTHWELL	Term expires 1927
WILLIAM A. NYE	Term expires 1928

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

EDWIN GREEN	Term expires 1928
JOHN W. DWELLY	Term expires 1927
CHARLES B. DANIELS	Term expires 1929

ONE-YEAR TERMS

TAX COLLECTOR

EDMUND CODY

TREASURER

EFFIE T. SWINDELL

TREE WARDEN

CLARENCE L. GRIMES

AUDITOR

ORTON D. BUTLER

FENCE VIEWERS

W. WALLACE GRIMES
FRANK H. BOYD
ALFRED B. MORSE

CONSTABLES

W. E. SWINDELL
SAMUEL BRUNO
RALPH I. DANIELS
BERT S. REED
CHARLES B. DANIELS
JOSEPH POTTER

MEASURERS OF LUMBER

GEORGE H. MORSE
WALTER A. WOODIS
SYLVESTER R. DEAN

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK

CHARLES B. DANIELS
WALTER BRUCE
JOHN N. MOORE

FIELD DRIVERS

JOHN ROBINSON
GEORGE HALLOWELL
JOHN O'DONNELL

TOWN AGENT

HARRY B. PARKER

APPOINTED

CATTLE INSPECTOR

HENRY W. STONE

MEATS AND PROVISIONS

HENRY W. STONE

SEALER WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

FRANK SULLIVAN

FIRE WARDEN

CHARLES H. TROWBRIDGE

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

PERCY F. WILBUR

UNDERTAKER AND BURIAL AGENT

JAMES P. FAIRBANK

JANITOR OF HALL AND LIBRARY

WILLIAM A. NYE

DOG OFFICER

SAMUEL BRUNO

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

JAMES R. CHILDS

List of Jurors for 1927

Orton O. Butler
Frank Cheever
Ralph Cody
Edward J. Crawford
George W. Dean
John O'Donnell
John Moran

REPORT

OF THE

TOWN CLERK

VITAL RECORDS OF 1926

BIRTHS

Apr. 14 Marjory Janet to Eleanor (Worthington) and Henry S. Newton.

May 17 Eva Flora to Evelyn (Clifford) and Henry W. Grimes.

24 Ronald Warren to Etta (Snow) and Oliver W. L. Wilkins.

June 4 Russell Earl to Nellie (Brown) and Joseph A. Potter.

July 17 Alfred Edward to Louise (Myska) and Joseph John Lysik.

Sept. 19 Rita Anna to Anna (Brodeur) and Everiste Dufresne.

Nov. 30 Robert Lester to Bertha (Weaver) and Robert A. Baldwin.

Total 7

MARRIAGES

Jan. 7 In Fitchburg, S. Walter Tucker of Oakham and Nellie (Willis) Baker of Boston.

Mar. 22 In Barre, Bernard S. Carpenter of Oakham and Annie D. Stone of Hubbardston.

June 12 In Paxton, George W. Dean of Oakham and Augusta M. Voorneveld of Paxton.

Nov. 13 Charles A. Brunelle of Hancock, N. H., and Esther Worcester of Dublin, N. H.

Dec. 4 Frank S. Somes, U. S. navy, and M. Corinne Fairbank of Oakham.

Total 5

DEATHS

			Y.	M.	D.
Jan.	5	Frank S. Conant	69	8	29
	5	Anna (MacKenzie) Pinney	40	2	28
	28	Charles M. Packard	78		
Feb.	3	Charlotte (Packard) Gleason	90	5	19
	13	Arthur B. Spooner	65	4	10
	23	B. Porter Woodis	71		
Mar.	10	Maria (Conant) Woodis	87	6	26
Apr.	14	J. Waldo W. Knight	78	11	25
June	10	Elta (Quinn) Hallowell	54	10	9
July	3	John A. Anderson	73	22	18
	25	Susan (Southwick) Webber	66		
Aug.	26	William Edson Morse	62	6	23
Oct.	29	Amos W. Harwood	88		
Nov.	3	Susan (Walz) Parkman	53	3	25
Dec.	17	Rita Anna Dufresne	0	2	27

Total 15

BURIED IN TOWN

Mar.	27	Julia A. Guilford of Seaport, Me.	75	10	28
June	18	Stephen M. Sargent of Worcester	81	0	21
Aug.	19	Edward W. Fuller of Worcester	80	3	1
Oct.	13	Alice Lincoln Wright of N. Haven, Ct.	51	3	0

LICENSES

59	Sporting @ $2 25	$132 75	
5	Trappers' @ $2 25	11 25	
4	Minors' Trappers' @ 75	3 00	
2	Duplicates @ 50	1 00	
70			$148 00

DOGS

83	Males @ $2 00	$166 00
6	Spayed females @ $2 00	12 00

33	Females @ $5 00	165 00	
122			$343 00

Respectfully submitted,

EFFIE T. SWINDELL,

Town Clerk.

REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Selectmen submit the following report for the financial year ending Dec. 31, 1926.

Town Clerk

Paid Effie T. Swindell		$85 00

Treasurfr

Paid Effie T. Swindell		$125 00

Tax Collector

Paid Edmund Cody		$125 00

Selectmen

Paid John P. Day	$100 00	
" Earl C. Parker	75 00	
" Charles B. Daniels	75 00	
		$250 00

Assessors

Paid W. A. Woodis	$100 00	
" Charles B. Daniels	40 00	
" John Moran	71 00	
" Corinne Fairbanks, clerical	8 00	
		$219 00

Auditor

Paid Orton Butler		$75 00

Ballot Clerks and Tellers

Paid Grace Parker	$13 00	
" Nellie Dean	13 00	
" Leone Daniels	ffl 13 00	
" Catherine Cody	13 00	
		$52 00

Moderator

Paid Charles Trowbridge		$3 00

Registrar of Voters

Paid Effie Swindell	$6 00	
" Charles B. Daniels	2 00	
" Earl C. Parker	2 00	
" John P. Day	2 00	
		$12 00

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Paid F. A. Sullivan		$25 00
Total for Town Officers	$971 00	
Balance trans. to reserve fund	46 00	
		$925 00

Dog Officer

Paid Samuel Bruno	15 00	

Overseers of Poor

Paid Support of Poor		$769 02

School Committee

Paid Support of Schools	$12,343 42	

Superintendent of Streets

Paid for Highways	$4433 73	
" Material	1255 05	
		$5688 78

Library

Paid for Support of Library	$386 45

Cemetery Committee

Paid for Support of Cemeteries	$413 96

State Aid

Paid	$72 00

Bonds for Town Officers

" Treasurer's and Town Clerk's Bond	19 00	
" Tax Collector's Bond	30 00	
		$49 00

State and County Tax

Paid County Tax	$717 00	
" State Tax	960 00	
" State Highway Tax	139 60	
		$1816 60

Worcester Bank and Trust Co.

Paid for note	$6000 00

Interest

Paid interest on note	$112 25

Opening Roads

Paid for Opening Roads	$1454 19

Insurance of Employees		
Paid Frank A. Smith & Son		$75 63
Fire Department		
Paid for Fighting Fires		$49 55
Gypsy Moth		
Paid for Suppression of Gypsy Moth		$196 60
Memorial Day		
		$50 00
Bridges		
Paid for Bridges	500 00	
		$10303 85
Reserve Fund		
Paid Ralph R. Kendall Co., Treas.	$44 38	
" Herbert Parker, Counsel fee	200 00	
" Balance from Town Officers	46 00	
		$290 38
Town Officers Supplies		
Paid for Supplies		$75 70
Inspection		
Paid Henry W. Stone		$57 72
Police		
Paid for Police		$17 25
Printing		
Paid Heffernan Press, Spencer	$182 00	
" Honesty Farm Press	25 40	
		$207 40

Rutland Road

Paid for Repairing	$2816 85	
" Material	347 15	
		$3164 00
Paid for Church shutters		$85 00
Paid for Ford truck		$677 00

Library

Paid for Repairs		$287 00

Miscellaneous

Paid Mechanics Ntl. Bank, Deposit box	$8 00	
" Mrs. Ruth Douglas	1 25	
" M. C. Conant, supplies	14 60	
" J. P. Fairbanks, death returns	1 00	
" G. S. Butler, supplies	9 92	
" C. B. Daniels, labor and wood	57 50	
" Frank A. Smith & Son, Ins.	127 45	
" J. P. Fairbanks, flowers	12 00	
" Theo. N. Wardell, certifying note	4 00	
" John Day, labor	3 25	
" W. A. Nye, Janitor, care of clock	182 50	
" Ed. Cody, error in 1925	3 00	
Total expenditures		$36,203 37

Respectfully submitted

JOHN P. DAY,
EARL C. PARKER,
C. B. DANIELS,

Selectmen.

REPORT

OF THE

TAX COLLECTOR

1924

Dr.

Uncollectted taxes for 1924	$1097 00	
Interest	99 43	
		$1196 43

Cr.

By Treasurer's receipts	$1159 93	
Abatements	36 50	
		$1196 43

1925

Dr.

Uncollected taxes for 1925	$3992 96	
Interest	117 69	
		$4110 65

Cr.

By Treasurer's receipts	$3015 26	
Abatements	12 98	
		$3028 24
		$1082 41

1926

Dr.

Taxes committed to me for collection, 1926:

Appropriation of annual meeting	$11,894 00	
State Tax	960 00	
County Tax	717 00	
Highway Tax	140 00	
Overlaying	251 52	
Poll Tax	64 00	
December Assessments	35 04	
Interest	3 95	
		$14,065 51

Cr.

By Treasurer's receipts	$9148 23
	$4917 28

Respectfully submitted

EDMUND CODY, *Collector.*

REPORT

OF THE

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

Town of Spencer	$365 00	
Charlton Poor Farm Asso.	266 54	
Dr. Cheetham	4 50	
D. Canfield, wood	11 00	
C. B. Daniels, wood	12 38	
M. F. Lincoln, wood	10 00	
W. H. Parkman, wood	10 00	
J. P. Day, wood	8 50	
E. Saunders, wood	10 00	
George S. Butler, Mdse.	20 85	
W. H. Parkman, services	30 00	
W. H. Parkman, telephone	5 00	
M. F. Lincoln, services	10 00	
M. F. Lincoln, postage	25	
Sara E. Butler, services	5 00	
		$769 02
Town of Spencer paid back	$320 88	
Town of Spencer owes	131 35	
		$452 23

Respectfully submitted

W. H. PARKMAN,
M. F. LINCOLN,
SARA E. BUTLER,

Overseers.

REPORT

OF THE

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

FOBES MEMORIAL LIBRARY

RECEIPTS

Town appropriation	$300 00	
Dog fund	281 19	
		$581 19

EXPENDITURES

Ira E. Pinney, Librarian	$100 00	
Ruth Morse (assistant)	33 50	
Mrs. Fay Russell (assistant)	16 50	
Robert Briggs (carrying books)	25 00	
C. H. Parker (supplies)	7 93	
G. S. Butler, supplies	38	
William Nye (Janitor)	167 60	
W. E. Weeks (furnace repairs)	22 35	
L. H. Browning (books)	11 29	
Gaylord Bros. (books)	1 90	
		$386 45
Balance		$194 74

Respectfully submitted

SARA E. BUTLER,
WILLIAM A. NYE,
FLORENCE E. BOTHWELL.

Trustees.

REPORT

OF THE

LIBRARIAN

To the Trustees of Fobes Memorial Library:

The circulation of books for 1926 was 3612. This includes 76 books loaned to the school.

ACCESSIONS

Books by gift	57
Books by purchase	22
Total	79
Books discarded	25
Total number of books now in the library	3608

Thanks are due to Mrs. Fannie Bryant Abbott, Ernest Wilbur, Mrs. Grace Rood and Charles Daniels, Jr. for books given to the library. Thanks are also due to Miss Alice Wright for giving the money received from the sale of Dean Wright's "Soldiers of Oakham" for the purchase of new books. Six copies of "Soldiers of Oakham' remain in the library for sale.

The list of new books is as follows:

ADULT FICTION

Irving's Sketch book
The valley of the giants
The tie that binds
Isobel
Cloudy Jewel
The Yellow typhoon
Spinster of this parish
The mysterious office

The Sheridan road mystery
Hen-hen, or the monster
The hornet's nest
Slippy McGee
Laddie
Dangerous days
The story of the other wise man
The story of a whim
Willow creek
The high-grader
The mystery of Lyme Court
The Virginian
The crisis
The Preacher of Cedar mountain
A bachelor husband
The murder on the links
East of the setting sun
The Clansman
The Sky Pilot in No-man's land
Hiram Goff's religion
Just David
Sally Salt
The substitute
The vanishing American
Hania
The Loring mystery
A Man for the ages

ADULT NON-FICTION

Keeping fit
The life, poems and speeches of John Boyle O'Reilly
In the old West
An American battery in France
The food supply of New England
Bunyan's complete works

Thou fool, and other sermons
The Women of the Bible
The Panama canal
The official history of the war with Spain
The 20th century New Testament
From log cabin to white house
Household readings
Grocery clerks who have become successful
Life of William McKinley
Our Republic
The story of my life—Helen Keller

JUVENILE FICTION

Rosy face twins
The social twins
Fifty famous sky stories
Real out-of-door stories
David goes a-voyaging
Fun-artists' picture book
The dinner that was always there
Jolly Polly and Curley Tail
Brownie Mew in Tiddle-de-winks town
The six tiddle-de-winks
The treasure twins
King of the golden river
Children of the Alps
Grimm's Fairy tales

JUVENILE NON-FICTION

Washington's boyhood
Fifty fairy flower legends
Fables of Aesop
The boys' life of Abraham Lincoln
Stevenson's poems
Child's garden of verses

A child's history of England
Tales from Shakespeare

EXPENSES

Library supplies	$2 00	
Postage	30	
Money orders	12	
P. O. box rent	40	
		$2 82

RECEIPTS

Fines	$4 06	
Cards	83	
Soldiers of Oakham	3 00	
		$7 89

Books purchased from proceeds of the sale of "Soldiers of Oakham" $4 40

Thanks are due to Mrs. Martha Wright for the gift of a fine portrait of Charles M. Packard. The Library has met with a loss in the death of Charles M. Packard, who gave the Library many books, and who took an interest in the collections in the historical room.

REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

FINANCIAL STANDING TOWN OF OAKHAM

Balance on hand January 1, 1927 $5050 56

	Appropriations	Receipts	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance
Balance January 1, 1926		$4849 00		$1 00
Bonding	$ 50 00		$ 49 00	
Bridges	500 00		500 00	
Cemeteries	100 00		413 96	54 81
Care of Lots		338 77		
Sale of Lawn Mower		5 00		
Grading Lot		25 00		
Church Shutters	100 00		85 00	15 00
Dog Officer	15 00		15 00	
Fire Department	100 00		49 55	50 45
Ford Truck	677 00		677 00	
Gypsy Moth	200 00	*37 44	196 60	3 40
Inspection of Meat and Barns	75 00	*28 50	57 72	17 28
Insuring Employers	150 00		75 63	74 37
Interest		74 29	112 25	
Library	300 00		386 45	194 74
County Dog Tax		281 19		

Memorial Day	50 00		50 00	
Miscellaneous	325 00		424 47	
Rent of Hall		53 00		
Licenses		3 00		
Sale of Grass		1 50		
Balance of Fines		77 70		
Sale of Dynamite		39 25		
Mowing Brush		25 00		
State Highway Repairs			139 60	
Opening Roads	500 00		1454 19	
Overseers of Poor	800 00		769 02	30 98
Refund from Spencer		320 88		
Police	50 00		17 25	32 75
Printing	225 00		207 40	17 60
Poor Farm Purchase	85 00			
Roads	1300 00	*4522 59	5688 78	
Rutland Road	1000 00			
County Returns		1000 00	3164 00	
State Returns		*1000 00		
Repairing Library Walk	300 00		287 00	13 00
Reserve Fund	300 00		290 38	9 62
Schools	4500 00	*7796 10	12343 42	
Vocational		*75 00		

Sealer of Weights and Measures				
For Year 1925		10 76		
For Year 1926		10 95		
Soldiers' Relief	10 00			
State Aid		*78 00	72 00	
Town Officers	925 00		925 00	
Town Officers Supplies	100 00		75 70	24 30
Taxes, County			717 00	
State			960 00	
Town, 1924		1159 93		
Town, 1925		3015 26		
Town, 1926		9148 23		
Tree Warden	25 00			
Worcester Bank & Trust Co., Notes		6000 00	6000 00	
Income Tax, Balance		*539 60		
Income Tax, Additional		*595 00		
Corporation Business Tax		*47 16		
Public Service		*46 15		
National Bank Tax		*11 56		
Soldiers' Exemption		*6 60		
Loss of Taxes		*31 52		
Totals	$12,762 00	$41,253 93	$36,203 37	

*Receipts from Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

TRUST FUNDS

(Mary Lincoln Alden Fund Income)

Balance, 1926	$551 88		
Dividends	274 70		
Interest on Deposit	17 30		
Balance by Transfer of Stock	132 10		
Gift from Clara Alden	300 00		
		$1275 98	
Expenditures		991 78	
Balance on Hand			$284 20

LIBRARY

	Amount to Date	
Fobes Memorial Fund	$3177 45	
B. P. Clark Legacy	1286 54	
Soldiers' War Bonus	348 50	
Alfred Parks Wright Memorial	556 79	
J. H. O. Lovell Legacy	171 62	
Total		$5540 90

CEMETERIES

Pine Grove Cemetery

	No.	Original Deposit	Donor	Amount Expended	Amount to Date
Adams, south half	77	$ 25 00	Ann Adams	$ 3 00	$ 26 57
Allen, Washington & Jesse	19A	100 00	Jesse Allen	22 50	107 46
Allen, Lewis	52A	100 00	Heirs of Lewis Allen	3 00	134 14
Ayers, M. D.	62	100 00	Frank D. Ayers	3 00	106 80
Briggs, George N.	41	100 00	G. N. Briggs Heirs	5 00	103 90
Clark, John P.	29A	100 00	Mary J. Clark	3 00	109 48
Foster, Albert H.	45A	100 00	Foster, A. H.	3 00	102 00
Fobes, F. N. & F. A.	2A	100 00	Charles A. Fobes	3 00	119 34
Fairbank, J. C.	61	100 00	M. T. F. Rugg	27 50	103 47
Green, Charles B.	15A	50 00	Flora A. Arnold	3 00	32 52
Gould, Rufus	37A	100 00	George H. Gould	32 05	219 46
Haskell, Lewis N.	51	100 00	Lewis N. Haskell	3 00	139 40
Hall & Nourse	8A	100 00	Hattie E. Prouty	6 00	109 25
Kimball, north half	32A	50 00	†Fannie Kimball	1 50	
Lincoln, Stephen & William	5A	50 00	William Lincoln and Clara Alden	34 05	209 80
Lincoln, H. W.	17	100 00	H. W. Lincoln Heirs	8 88	100 55
Lincoln, Abner & Alonzo	58A	100 00	Grandchildren of Abner Lincoln	3 00	107 60

Maynard, Ezra & Artemus	22A	150 00	Caroline M. Maynard	5 00	271 32
Ross & Camber	51A	100 00	George M. Ross	3 00	114 87
Ripley, Jepthah	10A	25 00	Mrs. Sam'l Ripley	4 00	27 05
Russell, W. W.	52	100 00	Heirs of W. W. and Helen F. Russell	3 00	107 06
Robinson, John, north half	13A	50 00	Ruth Robinson	2 00	30 83
Weeks & Elliot	17A	100 00	Weeks and Elliot	3 00	121 46
Walker & Lovell	1	100 00	Lyman Walker	3 00	108 62
Stone, Alpheus	16A	100 00	Heirs of Chas. Hastings	3 00	108 16
Wilbur	54	100 00	Mrs. Wm. C. Abbott	3 00	105 17
Newcomb, L. W.	32	75 00	Heirs L. W. Newcomb	3 00	75 81
Parkman Farm Cemetery		55 00	James Boyd Heirs		58 75
		South Cemetery			
Burt, Eli	31	100 00	Laura Burt	3 00	119 17
Dean, Edmund	68	100 00	Dan'l H. Dean	32 70	192 90
Dean, David R.	58	100 00	Walter R. Dean	3 00	105 53
Haskell, Loring	44	100 00	William Haskell	5 00	121 80
Holden, A. J.	55	50 00	A. J. Holden	3 00	49 99
Morse, Eliakim & Jasper	18	50 00	Alfred C. Morse	3 00	50 66
Reed, Dea. Cheney	50	100 00	Martha Macullar	4 50	239 29
Reed, Silas	16	100 00	Sumner Reed	3 00	129 97
Wright, Henry P.	54	100 00	Henry P. Wright	3 00	116 87
Holbrook & Morse	29	100 00	Henry E. Morse	3 00	119 26

Parker & Towne	45	100 00	Sophronia Parker Heirs	4 00	102 80
Robinson, James	45	75 00	Frances Robinson	3 00	76 65
Olmstead, Ella J.		50 00	Ella J. Olmstead	2 47	50 00
		Southwest Cemetery			
Lovell, David & Lot (churchyard)	28	153 60	J. H. D. Lovell	3 00	165 41
Nickerson, A. B.	3X	100 00	Frank L. Nickerson	3 00	116 10
Presho, W. Myrick	23	50 00	Jennie Trowbridge	2 00	50 28
Spooner, Andrew	21	50 00	Mary E. Brown	3 00	61 39
Maynard, Ed. P.		10 00	Ed. P. Maynard		14 64
		Green Hollow			
Clifford, C. S.	8	50 00	C. S. Clifford	3 00	52 72
Crawford, Henry A.		125 00	H. A. Crawford	3 00	136 12
Fobes, William A.		100 00	William A. Fobes	3 00	128 81
Fuller, Albert K.		100 00	Barr, Moore & Keep	3 00	102 32
		RECEIVED IN 1926			
Nye, Wm. A. (Pine Grove)		$100 00	Care of Nye Lot		
Nye, Wm. A. (South)		50 00	Care of Half Luther Dean Lot		

Respectfully submitted,

EFFIE T. SWINDELL,

Treasurer.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

AMOUNT EXPENDED IN TOWN OF OAKHAM IN 1926 UNDER CHAPTER 81.

No.	Road	Amount
1.	North Brookfield	$390 25
2.	New Braintree	260 05
3.	East Hill	36 25
4.	Hubbardston	30 10
5.	Caldwell	—— —
6.	Pine Plains	—— —
7.	Poverty Square	14 35
8.	Depot or Coldbrook road	
	496 00+1,193 97=1,689 97	
9.	Ware Corner	809 24
10.	Robinson	16 50
11.	Parmenter	6 88
12.	Saunders	6 00
13.	South	59 44
14.	Spencer	129 39
15.	Flint	—— —
16.	Beecham	29 75
17.	Lupa	83 50
18.	Crawford	61 80
19.	Whitehall	7 65
20.	Old Turnpike	155 32
21.	Old Turnpike Extension	44 15
22.	Rutland	529 80
23.	Swindle	7 25

24. Hapgood	11 00	
25. Sargent's Lane	7 75	
26. Stone	45 75	
27. Rutherford	13 45	
28. Lincoln	159 13	
29. Maple Street	208 25	
30. Barre	324 76	
31. Daniels	30 50	
32. Bullard	....	
33. Edson	12 00	
34. Happy Hollow	3 00	
35. Hunt	29 20	
36. Adams	140 10	
37. T. Gaffney	62 48	
38. J. Gaffney	90 50	
39. Scott	40 25	
40. Crocker Nye	71 07	
41. Whitney	5 00	
Gas and oil	227 71	
Machinery repairs	232 30	
Dynamite	17 28	
Tools	73 26	
Tool repairs	19 40	
Dump truck	754 00	
Paint	2 00	
Miscellaneous	82 00	
		$7029 78
Total payroll	$4520 73	
Total material	17029 78	
Total material	2509 05	

Balance of allotment not sent in	297 22	
		$7327 00
Town allotment	$1125 00	
State allotment	4500 00	
		$5625 25
Extra by town under Chap. 81	275 00	
Special for bridges	750 00	
Ford truck		$7327 00

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. VESPER,
Chapter 81, *Assistant.*

E. V. NEWTON,
Superintendent.

No. of miles of road scraped 43.2
No. of miles of road dragged 37.2
No. of miles of brush cut 23.2
9.5 cu. yds. of ledge removed
150 ft. of 2″ corr. pipe culvert laid
60 ft. of 66″ corr. pipe culvert laid
Drains, culverts and waterways cleaned.

Remarks

Work done in this town has been very satisfactory the past year. The superintendent has conformed to all rules and regulations of the department and has co-operated in a very willing manner. The policy of gravelling the primary and secondary roads in the center of the town has been adopted with the idea of oiling them the coming year. The Depot Road is now ready for an application of oil and recommend ½ gallon application.

It is hoped that the town will continue the improved work on the Rutland and North Brookfield roads under Chapter 90 the coming year as all the ledge has been blasted out of this road this year.

Respectfully submitted,

R. A. VESPER,

Chapter 81 *Assistant.*

REPORT

OF THE

CHARLTON POOR FARM ASS'N

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1926

RECEIPTS

Milk	$1,272 82	
Eggs, etc.	182 47	
Cash from dairy system	54 00	
Interest on deposit	40 18	
For gravel	120 00	
Inmates' board	7,387 34	
Boarders	342 63	
Organization fund	588 00	
		$9,987 44

EXPENDITURES

Deficit, 1925	$1,110 04
Frank Walker and wife	1,300 00
Inside labor	610 00
Outside labor	839 78
Miscellaneous	466 64
Groceries	1,459 46
Meat	1,024 83
Grain	805 46
Coal	596 35
Oil and gasoline	95 05
Supplies	470 53
Tobacco	251 26
Telephone	53 20

Medical attendance and drugs	95 64	
Electricity	69 67	
Fruit trees	42 47	
Fertilizer and lime	489 98	
Freight	114 32	
Truck	400 00	
Furniture	122 50	
Repairs	274 81	
Blacksmithing	45 00	
Seed	129 23	
Interest	63 00	
Insurance	265 79	
Stock	65 00	
		$11,260 01
Deficit		$1,272 57

RECEIVED AND DUE FOR INMATES' BOARD

Charlton	$521 50
Westminster	619 37
Rutland	254 35
Millbury	709 45
Brookfield	387 94
Ashburnham	508 69
Leicester	537 13
Oakham	262 45
Holden	254 35
Warren	1,352 88
Hardwick	501 58
Boylston	19 93
West Boylston	248 57
West Brookfield	918 86
Auburn	39 00

East Brookfield	4 29	
Berlin	247 00	
		$7,387 34

Total number of weeks for inmates, 1,268 3-7; for boarders, 57 1-7 weeks. There were no inmates from Hubbardston, Paxton, Dana, Princeton, New Braintree, Sterling, or Holland.

Since the last annual report the new association was formed, the by-laws adopted and a deed of the real estate recorded in the name of the 24 towns in the new association, divided into 8,500 shares of one dollar each, as follows: Ashburnham, 308; Auburn, 711; Berlin, 157; Boylston, 124; Brookfield, 253; East Brookfield, 184; Hardwick, 860; Holden, 497; Leicester, 778; Millbury, 1,129; New Braintree, 123; Oakham, 80; Princeton, 221; Paxton, 158; Rutland, 239; Sterling, 261; Warren, 966; Holland, 41; West Boylston, 251; Westminster, 223; Dana, 131; Hubbardston, 201; West Brookfield, 245; Charlton, 359.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. PARKMAN,
President.

LOUIS M. HANFF,
Sec. and Treas.

Charlton, Jan. 1, 1927.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Receipts

Town—Support of Schools		$4500 00
State return—School fund		1694 45
State return—High School tuition		2665 00
State return—School Superintendent		193 34
State return—High School transportation		2270 70
State return—Income tax, for general school purposes		835 00
Tuition of Children		137 61
		$12,296 10
Due from Town of Rutland		$108 00

Expenses

Paid Sylvester R. Dean, services	$15 00	
" Minnie M. Day, services	25 00	
		$40 00

Superintendent's Salary and Expense of Office

Paid James R. Childs, salary	$325 02	
" James R. Childs, travel expenses	43 15	
" James R. Childs, telephone, postage and express	3 65	
" Minnie M. Day, taking school census	5 00	
		$376 82

Teachers

Paid Miss Florence E. Bothwell	$1130 72
" Miss Ethel M. Braman	1130 72

"	Miss Ruth E. Butterfield	1130 72	
"	Mrs. Frances B. Little, Music Supervisor	99 75	
"	Miss Annie P. Stevenson, Music Supervisor	76 00	
"	Miss Helen E. Mills, Drawing Supervisor	179 75	
			$3747 66

Supplies

Paid	Edward E. Babb & Co.	$10 77	
"	Dowling School Supply	5 40	
"	J. L. Hammett & Co.	8 49	
"	George Butler	3 20	
			$27 83

Books

Paid	Silver Burdett & Co.	$28 24	
"	Edward E. Babb & Co.	12 83	
			$41 07

Care and Cleaning

Paid	William Nye	$238 74	
"	For Coldbrook School	46 05	
			$284 79

Fuel

Paid	Frank Boyd, 10 cds. wood @ $8.50	$85 00	
"	Henry Bullard, 5 cds. wood @ $8.50	42 50	
"	John Dwelly, 10 cds. wood @ 8.50	85 00	
"	Kenneth Wilkins, work on wood	3 60	
"	John Day, sawing wood	8 55	

"	Robert Baldwin, sawing wood	6 25	
"	Work on wood at Coldbrook	9 10	
			$240 00

Repairs

Paid	W. E. Weeks, repairing Coldbrook School stove		$22 20

Promotion of Health

Paid	Dr. Theo. L. Story, School Physician	$7 25	
"	Dr. Arthur Kimberly, School Physician	21 00	
"	Mrs. Naomi Cunningham, School Nurse	185 00	
			$213 25

Grade Transportation

Paid	Fred Parkman	$1295 00	
"	John O'Donnell	592 00	
"	Morton Lincoln	294 00	
"	Robert Dwelly	224 00	
			$2405 00

High School Transportation

Paid	Frank Lupa	$68 00
"	J. C. Rutherford	395 60
"	Edward J. Crawford	112 00
"	Frank A. Sullivan	105 60
"	Henry Crawford	101 60
"	Joseph Potter	144 40
"	Alfred Virr	140 80
"	Clifford Knight	118 00
"	Bert Reed	73 60
"	Evander Green	75 20
"	William Parkman	236 80

"	Mrs. Katherine Mullen	94 00	
"	Oliver Wilkins	218 80	
"	John Day	189 20	
"	John Dwelly	51 60	
"	Robert Dwelly	44 00	
"	Albert Hapgood	63 40	
"	Morton Lincoln	43 20	
"	Edwin Bullard	20 80	
"	J. F. Sanderson	21 20	
			$2317 80

High School Tuition

Paid	Town of Hardwick	$1600 00	
"	Town of Rutland	482 50	
"	Town of North Brookfield	234 00	
"	Town of Northbridge	220 00	
"	Town of Warren	92 50	
			$2629 00
Total expenditures			$12,343 42

Respectfully submitted

SYLVESTER R. DEAN,
MINNIE M. DAY,

School Committee.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Holden, Mass., Jan. 1, 1927.

To the School Committee of Oakham:

This report is the twenty-seventh in the series since the formation of the present union, and the ninth by the present superintendent. I am including the full reports of the Music and Drawing teachers and the detailed outline of our Health work in the report of our School Nurse, in order that the public may know of the splendid service that is being rendered by these people. The tables of statistics are similar to those presented in other years and indicate the changes in the attendance and enrollment. A new law requires the taking of the census during the first two weeks of October instead of in April as formerly.

It is a pleasure to be able to record the same list of teachers. We should not make the mistake of underestimating the importance of keeping them, and Oakham children are indeed fortunate to have their early school life in an atmosphere of high ideals and serious devotion to duty. The main factor of every school is the teacher and we are under a deep obligation to ours, for their patience and devotion and their high sense of responsibility. With the training that is given in school must go the interest and intelligent cooperation of the home and the church. A high moral standard and respect for authority are fundamental in character building, and an education without training in obedience and self control is worthless, even dangerous.

A Teachers' Institute was held in Holden on October 1 under the direction of the State Department of Education and all our

teachers attended the meetings. Our experience has been that such meetings are of more value than the large convention. At this Institute we had 165 teachers and among other subjects we had talks on the teaching of Geography, Reading, Art and care of the child's health.

Special interest in spelling was aroused by a Spelling Bee held in Worcester under the direction of the Telegram-Gazette. In the preliminary contest, with Hubbardston and the four towns of our union, Burton Mullen of the Coldbrook School won first place and represented us in Worcester.

I have prepared a brief statement of comparative costs that may be of interest when we are considering the matter of appropriations.

Cost per pupil in average membership:	Oakham	State
Teachers' salaries	$40 82	$61 95
Books and supplies	2 02	4 06
Janitors' salaries and fuel	5 21	9 78
Repairs and upkeep	12	4 88

We spend more for transportation per pupil in average membership than the average for the State, but this is due to the size of the town and the scattered population. Reimbursements in 1927 will be larger than last year because of the new law that is now in effect. There will be about $1,000 more under Part II of the General School Fund.

The repairs and new equipment as well as the books mentioned in last year's report should be provided for this year.

I am very grateful for the many expressions of friendship that I received during my illness and especially thankful to all who have been so loyal and devoted to the best interests of the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES R. CHILDS,

Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF THE MUSIC SUPERVISOR

Holden, Mass., Jan. 1, 1927.

To the Superintendent:

I respectfully submit my first report as Supervisor of Music in the town of Oakham.

In Grades I to IV the music instruction follows the plan for rural schools. These grades are visited each week and the music period divided into three classes. In the first grade rote songs are taught and special help given the less muscial children.

In the second and third grades rote songs are continued in order to give the child a musical vocabulary and instill in him a desire to express himself in music.

Observation songs are used for ear and eye training, after which come the new songs from notation.

In the fourth grade the songs are more advanced and a thorough drill is given on all problems which come in the child's experience.

Grades five to eight are taken in one group. The work covers a general review of all problems from the fourth grade through the fifth, and sixth grade work is being carried on with very satisfactory results.

In Coldbrook, music instruction is given in three separate classes, according to the prescribed course for rural schools. All classes are doing good work and it is a great pleasure to watch the development in the younger pupils of their power to master certain problems and understand certain musical effects.

In all the lower grades the phonograph is used to teach discrimination and concentration. In the upper grades we are studying Nationalism in Music. American national airs and folk music have been rendered and the history of the compositions and composers given. We intend to take up other phases of American music, after which the national music of other countries will follow.

Our aim is not only to give each child a musical background of beautiful music to enable him to develop the power of sight reading and interpretation, but to help him to gain a lasting love for the best in music, the only true music appreciation.

I wish to thank all who are in any way associated with my work in the schools for their help and co-operation.

ANNIE P. STEVENSON,

Supervisor of Music.

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF DRAWING

Holden, Mass., December 31, 1926.

To the Superintendent of Schools:

The work in drawing in the schools of Oakham from January to June 1926, was as follows: Practice in lettering and drawing of animals, later combined in the making of animal posters. Some of these were entered in the M. S. P. C. A. poster contest held at Boston in April. Then followed a study of paintings by early American artists, the notes and pictures of which were sewed and bound in book form in several grades. Plant and flower studies completed the year's work.

The fall term work began with nature and figure drawing and illustrations from imagination. Then followed elementary study of color. Construction problems were given during December. The work planned for the remainder of the year consists of drawing from imagination, art appreciation, poster making, a further study of color and nature drawing.

It is a joy to do this work with children who are so responsive and eager. Under the direction of their room teachers, who have co-operated with me in every way, some very good work has been produced in the schools.

HELEN E. MILLS,

Supervisor of Drawing.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools:

This report covers the period from Jan. 1, 1926, to Jan. 1, 1927.

Medical Inspection: We were very fortunate in securing Dr. Arthur M. Kimberly, children's specialist, for our School Physician, as he has given our children a very efficient examination of the throat, heart, lungs, mouth and posture. This physical examination is given to ascertain as nearly as possible the exact condition of the children, to point out defects to parents, that they may correct them, thus safeguarding their children from serious trouble later.

Teaching from a medical standpoint, the old saying, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure", seems to be in line with the idea of a thorough physical examination which everyone should have every year. We are starting with the children, hoping that they will continue all through their lives, to have a doctor for a friend, and have him check them over year after year. This would lead to a correction of errors in diet, exercise, and living conditions that may prolong an active and vigorous life much longer than we are accustomed to.

Our aim for the children is good health. The definition of good health is "To live most and to serve best".

Weighing and Measuring: The children have been weighed four times during the year. This is done to show how the children are gaining, and to check up on the child's growth. All children should gain a little, although some will gain more than others. We try to impress the normal weight children to keep their weight up to what it should be. The children 6 to 9 per cent. below weight are urged to help themselves to gain their weight. In the case of children who are 10 per cent. and more underweight, I am trying to get in touch with the parents, to co-operate with them in trying to find the cause, and to see what can be done to help them gain their normal weight.

Lunches: Most of the schools are serving a lunch of crackers and milk at recess. We especially urge the underweight children to take this extra milk, as milk is the best-known food to bring children up to normal weight and to promote a normal growth. Milk is not a fat producer, but is a muscle, flesh and bone builder. The parents have co-operated with us and have urged their children to take this extra milk during the day, either buying it at school or bringing it from home.

A hot lunch at noon is so beneficial to growing children that we hope to have some means of providing it for more children in the future.

Teaching Health Habits: It has been my pleasure to assist the teachers in teaching health habits in regard to food, cleanliness, fresh air, rest, sleep and play. If these good habits are started in childhood and become fixed, they will last a lifetime. Let us strive to start our little folks on the right road to permanent good health.

Clinics: In June there was held in Rutland a clinic for administering the Schick test and the immunizing doses of toxin antitoxin for diphtheria prevention. One hundred per cent. of all the children Schicked showed that they were susceptible. Nearly all the children that were Schicked took the immunizing doses and are safe for twelve years at least. We are planning to hold another clinic in the spring and hope to have the children of the four towns immunized against diphtheria.

The Parent-Teachers' Association of Rutland is working hard to have a dental clinic in the near future. We hope to carry out the suggestion from the State Department of Public Health, Hygiene Division, to care for the six-, nine- and twelve-year molars and to preserve these teeth from future decay if possible; then fill all the present cavities of the children in the school. We hope this clinic will help the parents who do not have the time to have this work done in Worcester.

Communicable Diseases: We cannot control any epidemic in the school without the parents' co-operation. Children who are

known to have been exposed to any contagious disease should be kept at home during the incubation period for the safety of the other children in the school. This is one way in which to show our "community spirit."

Vaccination: There are a few children who have not been vaccinated. These children should be vaccinated or have a certificate from their family physician saying that they are not in a fit physical condition. This certificate must be presented to the school teacher every year at least, according to the Massachusetts law

Sanatorium: Four children have been entered at the Westfield State Sanatorium, suffering from hilum tuberculosis, to stay for a period of six months, more or less.

School Children Examined by Dr. Kimberly

Paxton	118	Jefferson	123
Defects—Tonsils	35	Defects—Tonsils	32
Teeth	79	Teeth	110
Coldbrook Springs	26	Holden	224
Defects—Tonsils	11	Defects—Tonsils	23
Teeth	20	Teeth	31
Oakham	58	Chaffins	146
Defects—Tonsils	26	Defects—Tonsils	14
Teeth	45	Teeth	90
West Rutland	25	Unionville	24
Defects—Tonsils	13	Defects—Tonsils	3
Teeth	18	Teeth	17
North Rutland	20	Holden High School	115
Defects—Tonsils	10	Defects—Tonsils	9
Teeth	14	Teeth	47
Rutland	188	Quinapoxet	50
Defects—Tonsils	66	Defects—Tonsils	17
Teeth	94	Teeth	31

Total pupils examined—1,117.

I wish to express my appreciation of the splendid co-operation from the teachers and very pleasant relations with the parents on my home calls.

NAOMI A. CUNNINGHAM, R. N.,

School Nurse.

ENROLLMENT FALL TERM 1926

Grade	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Total
Boys	6	4	6	7	4	6	1	2	36
Girls	5	9	9	3	6	6	4	7	49
Totals	11	13	15	10	10	12	5	9	85

PROMOTION BY GRADES, JUNE, 1926

Grade	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Total
Full pro.	11	11	8	6	11	3	8	9	67
On trial		4	1	2	1			1	9
Repeat	2		1		2		1		6
Special	1				1	1			3
Totals	14	15	10	8	15	4	9	10	85

AGE AND GRADING CHART

April 1, 1926

Age / Grade	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Total
I	**11**	**4**	1								16
II		**5**	**7**	2		1					15
III			**3**	**7**			1				11
IV				**2**	**3**	2		1			8
V				1	**3**	**6**	4				14
VI						**1**	**1**	2	1		5
VII						3	**1**	**3**	2		9
VIII							1	**6**	**1**	2	10
	11	9	11	12	6	13	8	12	4	2	88

REGISTRATION OF MINORS

October 1, 1926

Children in Oakham	Boys	Girls	Total
Between 5 and 7 years of age	8	9	17
Between 7 and 14 years of age	33	37	70
Between 14 and 16 years of age	7	15	22
Totals	48	61	109

SCHOOL STATISTICS, 1925-1926

Teacher	School	Training	Began here	Total Mem.	Ave. Mem.	Ave. Att.	% Att.
Florence E. Bothwell	Center Grammar	No. Brookfield H. S.	1897	28	26	24	93
Ethel M. Braman	Center Primary	Northfield	1907	31	28	26	92
Ruth E. Butterfield	Coldbrook	Worcester N. S.	1904	31	29	28	97
Frances B. Settle	Music	A. I N. M.	1925				
Helen E. Mills	Drawing	Mass. Nor. Art	1925				
		Totals		90	83	78	94

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Fall Term—Sept. 7, 1926 to Dec. 24, 1926.....16 weeks
Winter Term—Jan. 10, 1927 to Mar. 18, 1927.....10 weeks
Spring Term—April 4, 1927 to June 10, 1927.....10 weeks
Fall Term—Sept. 6, 1927 to Dec. 23, 1927.....16 weeks
Winter Term—Jan. 9, 1928 to Mar. 16, 1928.....10 weeks
Spring Term—April 2, 1928 to June 28, 1928.....10 weeks

Holidays

January 1, February 22, April 19, May 30, Labor Day, October 12, Thanksgiving Day and the day following.

ROLL OF HONOR

Perfect attendance for FOUR YEARS:

Helen Sullivan

Perfect attendance for THREE YEARS except as indicated:

Vincent Mullen
Stephen Lincoln (1)

Perfect attendance for TWO YEARS except as indicated:

Marion Wilkins
Burton Mullen (1)

Perfect attendance for ONE YEAR except as indicated:

Frank Potter (½)
Rose Bruno (1T)
Myrtle Reed (1)
Charles Dean (1)
Warren Sanderson
Louis Kitchen
Madeline Wilkins
Mary Kitchen
Vivian Loring

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Worcester, Mass., Jan. 1, 1927.

To the Superintendent of Schools:

In commenting on the physical examination of the children may I say that on the whole they seem in very good condition. A great many remedial defects exist. The most frequently occurring are defects in the early (deciduous) teeth. Among the older children there is a much greater tendency to keep the teeth defects corrected.

I should say that the responses to notices on defects sent in previous years has been very good. The better the financial status of the parents and the more enlightened they are, the more quickly these notices are responded to.

A school room is very much like a home. In the hands of one teacher it may be very cheerful and orderly and pleasant, while in the hands of another it may be very bleak and forbidding. With only one or two exceptions I think that the teachers have made very much indeed out of the possibilities of their school rooms. Several of the rooms are exceptionally well managed and cared for.

The actual equipment for heating, ventilation, etc., in the various buildings, you are doubtless familiar with. In some of the schools this is very much better than in others. Centralization has always meant a great improvement in equipment.

ARTHUR M. KIMBERLY, M. D.,

School Physician.

REPORT

OF THE

TOWN AUDITOR

This is to certify that I have examined and approved all bills of the Selectmen, Overseers of the Poor, School Committee, Road Superintendent, Cemetery Committee, Fire Wardens, Library Trustees and accounts of Moth Superintendent, and found them to be correct. I have also examined the accounts of the Treasurer and Tax Collector and found them to be correct.

ORTON O. BUTLER,

Auditor.

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WORCESTER, SS.

To either of the constables of the town of Oakham in, the county of Worcester.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Oakham qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, known as "Memorial Hall," on Monday, the seventh day of February next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at all town meetings except for the election of State Officers, during the coming year.

Art. 2. To hear the annual report of the several town officers, and act thereon.

Art. 3. To choose one Selectman, one Assessor, one Overseer of Poor, one School Committee, one Library Trustee, one Cemetery Committee for three years, one School Committee for one year, Collector of Taxes, Treasurer, Auditor, Tree Warden, six Constables, shall licenses be granted for the sale of non-intoxicating beverages in this town, all on one ballot. The polls will be opened at ten o'clock in the forenoon and may be closed at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Art. 4. To choose all necessary town officers and committees for the ensuing year, not required to be elected by ballot.

Art. 5. To see what compensation the town will allow the Selectmen, Treasurer, Collector, Auditor and Constables for the ensuing year.

Art. 6. To see what compensation the town will allow for men and teams in repairing highways and opening roads for the ensuing year.

Art. 7. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to bond their Treasurer and Collector and Town Clerk.

Art. 8. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

Art. 9. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for the relief of poor and needy soldiers, as required under Chapter 79, Section 18, of the Revised Laws.

Art. 10. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow during the current financial year, in anticipation of the revenue of said year, such sums of money as may be necessary for the current expenses of the town, giving the note or notes of the town therefor, these notes to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Art. 11. To see if the town will appoint some person as agent, to prosecute and defend all suits that may be brought for or against the town in the ensuing year.

Art. 12. To see if the town will employ some person or persons to care for the Town Hall, Town Clock, and Library Building for the ensuing year.

Art. 13. To see what sum the town will raise and appropriate for the suppression of the browntail moth.

Art. 14. To see if the town will vote to insure its employees and make an appropriation for the same, or pass any vote relative thereto.

Art. 15. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a certain sum of money as a reserve fund, to be used as an emergency or overdraft.

Art. 16. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a certain sum of money to have its valuation and taxes printed.